



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

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Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) intention to request approval, from the Office of Management and Budget, for an extension of and revision to the currently approved information collection.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]** to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments concerning this notice by using the electronic process available at www.regulations.gov. Written comments may also be submitted to Camia R. Lane, Grading and Standardization Branch, Dairy Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 2968-South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-0230; Tel: (202) 720-1671, Fax: (202) 720-2643, or via email at Camia.Lane@ams.usda.gov. All comments should reference the docket number (same number as above assigned by Originating Program), the date, and the page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. All comments received will be posted without change, including any personal information provided, at www.regulations.gov and will be included in the record and made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Camia R. Lane, Grading and Standardization Branch, Dairy Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S.

Department of Agriculture, Room 2968- South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-0230: Tel: (202) 720-1671, Fax: (202) 720-2643.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Requirements Under Regulations Governing Inspection and Grading Services of Manufactured or Processed Dairy Products

OMB Number: 0581-0126.

Expiration Date of Approval: November 30, 2018.

Type of Request: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The Agricultural Marketing Act (AMA) of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621 et seq.) directs the Department to develop programs which will provide for and facilitate the marketing of agricultural products. One of these programs is the USDA voluntary inspection and grading program for dairy products, its regulations are contained in (7 CFR part 58). The regulations governing the certification of sanitary design and fabrication of equipment used in the slaughter, processing, and packaging of livestock and poultry products are contained in (7 CFR part 54). To ensure that a voluntary inspection program performs satisfactorily, there must be written requirements and rules for both Government and industry. The information requested is used to identify the products offered for grading; to identify a request from a manufacturer of equipment used in dairy, meat or poultry industries for evaluation regarding sanitary design and construction; to identify and contact the party responsible for payment of the inspection, grading or equipment evaluation fee and expense; and to identify applicants who wish to be authorized for the display of official identification on product packaging, materials, equipment, utensils, or on descriptive promotional materials.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .0.170 hours per response.

Respondents: Dairy product manufacturers, consultants, installers, dairy equipment fabricators and meat and poultry processing equipment fabricators.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 306

Estimated Total Annual Responses: 11,389

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 37.22

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,944 hours

Comments are invited on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Camia R. Lane, Grading and Standardization Branch, Dairy Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Room 2968- South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250-0230: Tel: (202) 720-1671, Fax: (202) 720-2643, or via email at Camia.Lane@ams.usda.gov. All comments received will be available for public inspection during regular business hours at the same address.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 25, 2018.

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Agricultural Marketing Service.

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